

products distributor of the health and personal care products supply chain. The data is transmitted via the network to the health and personal care products distributor of the health and personal care products supply chain in operation 9336. The data is also transmitted to a health and personal care products supplier of the health and personal care products supply chain utilizing the network in operation 9338. Additionally, activity in the health and personal care products supply chain is forecast utilizing the data in operation 9340.

In one aspect, the data may be parsed to match each of a plurality of health and personal care products distributors and health and personal care products suppliers. As a further aspect, the data may be made accessible to the health and personal care products outlets, the health and personal care products distributor, the health and personal care products supplier via a network-based interface. As an additional aspect, the data may be accessible to the health and personal care products distributor and the health and personal care products supplier only after verification of an identity thereof. In another aspect, the network may include the Internet. In a further aspect, the health and personal care products outlets, the health and personal care products distributor, and the health and personal care products supplier each may forecast utilizing the data.

Figure 94 is a flowchart of a process 9430 for managing an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network. A network is utilized in operation 9432 to receive data from a plurality of computer product outlets of a electronics and appliances supply chain in which the data relates to the sale of computer product by the computer product outlets. An electronic order form is generated in operation 9434 based on the data for ordering computer product from a computer product distributor of the electronics and appliances supply chain. The data is transmitted via the network to the computer product distributor of the electronics and appliances supply chain in operation 9436. The data is also transmitted to a computer product supplier of the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network in operation 9438. Additionally, activity in the electronics and appliances supply chain is forecast utilizing the data in operation 9440.